

REMARKS

Applicant hereby requests entry of the amendments and remarks submitted herein. Independent claim 26 has been amended herein to incorporate the corrosion preventing compounds of claim 35, which was indicated as allowable by the Examiner. In view of those amendments to claim 26, claims 27, 34 and 35 have been canceled herein without prejudice to continued prosecution. Similarly, withdrawn independent claims 39, 46 and 48 directed toward methods of making or using the composition of claim 26 have been amended herein to incorporate the corrosion preventing compounds of claim 35, which necessitated that dependent claims 44, 45, 51 and 52 be canceled without prejudice to continued prosecution. In addition, non-elected claims 1-25 have been canceled herein without prejudice to continued prosecution.

Claims 26, 28-33, 36-38 are currently pending, and claims 39-43, 46-50, and 53-55 are currently withdrawn. Reconsideration of the pending application is respectfully requested.

Objections

Claim 35 is objected to for being dependent upon a rejected base claim. The Examiner indicated, however, that claim 35 would be allowable if it was rewritten in independent form.

Claim 26 has been amended to limit the active agents to the corrosion preventing compounds of claim 35. Therefore, claim 26 and those claims depending therefrom should be allowable.

The 35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejections

Claims 26-34 and 36-38 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Huber et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,066,529) in view of Hamilton (U.S. Patent No. 5,010,589).

Without acquiescing to the Examiner's rejection and to expedite issuance of the allowed claims, Applicant has incorporated the limitations of allowed claim 35 into independent claim 26. Since all the claims now recite the limitation from claim 35, which was indicated by the Examiner as allowable, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection of claims 26-34 and 36-38 under 35 U.S.C. §103 is moot.

Request for Rejoinder

Claims 39-43, 46-50, and 53-55 were withdrawn as directed to non-elected inventions following the Restriction Requirement of December 11, 2007 and Applicant's election of January 11, 2008. Since claim 26 should be allowable in view of the amendments and remarks herein, Applicant respectfully requests that claims 39-43, 46-50, and 53-55 be rejoined and allowed pursuant to MPEP §821.04(b).

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully requests allowance of claims 26, 28-33, 36-43, 46-50, and 53-55. Please apply any charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

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